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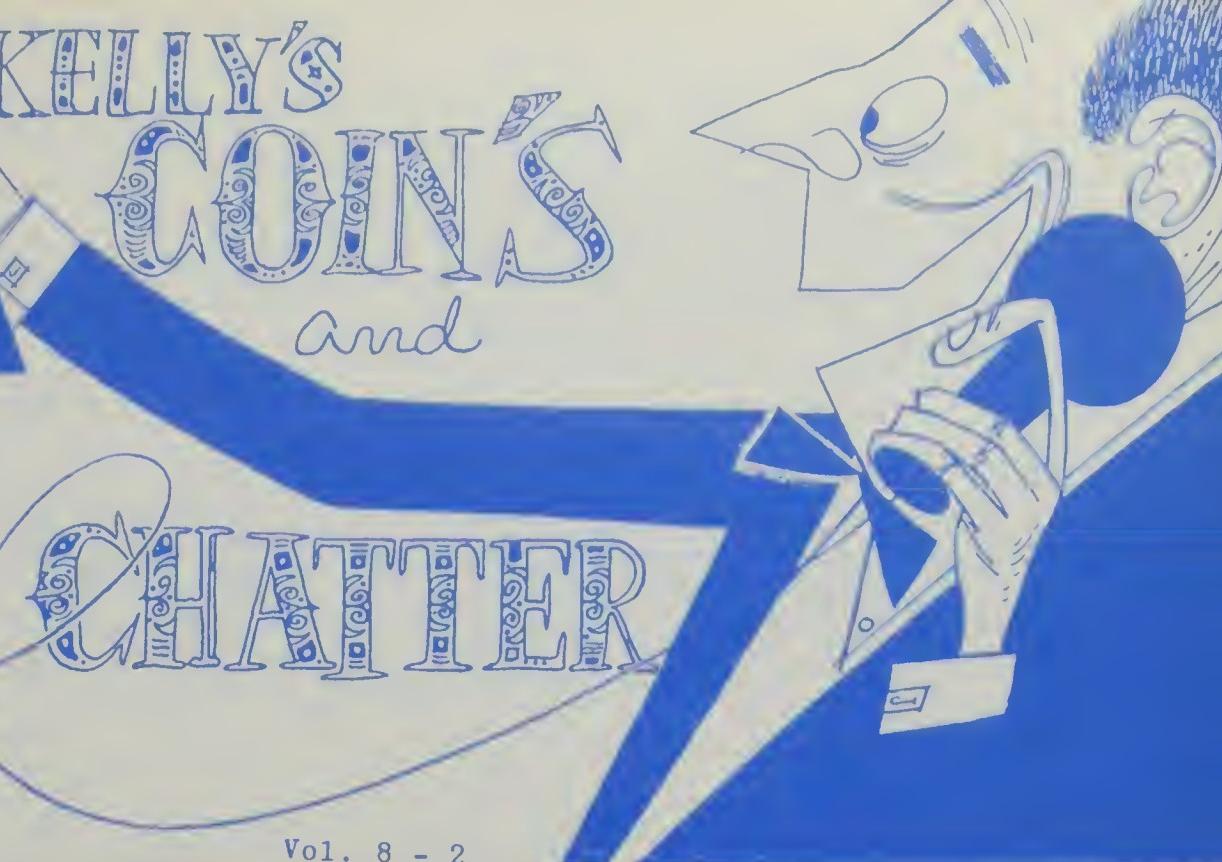
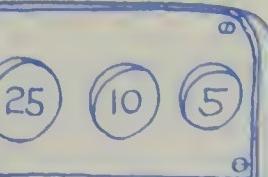
Sales are exceeding purchases and consequently our stock is at an all-time low. We will buy complete collections or choice single items of any of the following: All U. S. coins up to 1878 in Fine or better condition; later dates in Unc. or Proof condition.

Our particular needs are choice Half and Large Cents, early Dimes, Quarters and Half Dollars. Like everyone else we need Commemoratives, Proof Sets and Pioneer Gold.

I have no way of knowing if my buying prices are "the highest" or even "fabulous." But I do know that during the past twenty years I have purchased many of the outstanding collections offered for sale. This was accomplished against all types of competition. However, I have found that honesty, integrity, and cash on the line have more effect than flamboyant claims.

I will meet better than ninety percent of all buying offers I have seen published. These are for particularly scarce items in great demand and does not mean that proportionate prices are paid for other material.

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WIDOW'S MITE

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury and many that were rich cast in much.

"And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which makes a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Mark 12: 41-44)

We have a few of these interesting coins, classified.

V. Good to Fine....\$5.00
Very Fine..... 7.50

CHOICE MINT SETS

CENT TO HALF DOLLAR

Date	P	D	S
1934 . . .	\$8.50	\$12.00	\$35.00
1935 . . .	5.25	15.00	---
1936 . . .	3.50	24.50	15.00
1937 . . .	3.75	---	---
1938 . . .	5.50	15.00	4.00
1939 . . .	5.00	7.50	11.50
1940 . . .	4.75	4.00	3.75
1941 . . .	3.00	3.00	3.50
1942 . . .	3.25	4.00	3.50
1943 . . .	2.75	2.75	3.00
1944 . . .	2.50	2.50	2.75
1945 . . .	2.50	2.50	2.50
1946 . . .	2.50	2.50	2.50
1947 . . .	2.50	2.50	2.50
1948 . . .	3.75	3.00	1.50
1949 . . .	5.00	3.00	5.00
1950 . . .	3.00	2.75	1.75
1951 . . .	2.25	2.25	3.50
1952 . . .	2.25	2.25	2.75
1953 . . .	2.25	2.00	2.00
1954 . . .	2.00	2.00	2.00

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2½x3½ inches.....	1.50
2½x6 inches.....	2.50
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1811	over 9, Abt. Fine...	10.00
1814	Fine.....	5.00
1823	Very Good.....	1.50
1824	over 22, Fine.....	6.00
1824	over 22, V. Good...	3.50
1827	Abt. Unc.....	7.50
1827	Fine plus.....	2.50
1834	Ext. Fine.....	2.50
1835	Uncirculated.....	4.00
1835	Fine to V. Fine....	1.00
1838	0, V. Good.....	3.00
1845	0 Mint, Ext. Fine..	12.50
1850	Uncirculated.....	3.75
1862	Brilliant Proof	10.00
1870	Brilliant Proof.....	7.50
1874	Arrows, Abt.Unc....	7.50
1875	SPECIAL, Br. Unc...	1.95
1877	Brilliant Proof.....	8.00
1877	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1882	Brilliant Proof.....	4.00
1882	Brill. Unc.....	2.25
1884	Brilliant Proof	5.00
1884	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1885	Brilliant Proof.....	4.50
1885	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1886	Brilliant Proof.....	4.50
1886	Brill. Unc.....	2.25
1888	Brilliant Proof.....	4.50
1888	Brill. Unc.....	2.25
1889	Brill. Unc.....	2.25
1890	Brill. Unc.....	2.25

BARBER DIMES

1892	Brilliant Proof....	6.75
1892	Ab.Un 1.25; Br.Unc.	2.75
1894	Brilliant Proof....	9.00
1894	Brill. Unc.....	5.00
1898	Brill. Unc.....	3.50
1899	Brill. Unc.....	3.50
1901	Brill. Unc.....	3.25
1902	Brill. Unc.....	3.25
1906	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1906	0 Mint, Br. Unc....	5.00
1907	Ab.Un 1.25, Br.Unc.	3.00
1907	0 Mint, Br. Unc....	4.00
1908	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1910	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1911	Brill.Unc.....	3.00
1912	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1912	D Mint, Br. Unc....	3.00
1913	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1914	Brill. Unc.....	4.00
1914	D Mint, Br. Unc....	3.50
1915	Brill. Unc.....	4.50
1916	Brill. Unc.....	2.00

MERCURY DIMES

1916	Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1916	S Mint, Br. Unc....	2.00
1917	Brill. Unc.....	2.00
1918	S Mint, Unc.....	10.00
1918	S Mint, Abt. Unc...	5.00
1919	Brill. Unc.....	10.00
1920	Brill. Unc...	3.50
1921	Very Good.....	1.00
1923	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1926	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1926	D Mint, Br. Unc....	10.00
1927	S Mint, choice Ab.Un	12.50
1927	D Mint, Br. Unc...	100.00
1928	Brill. Unc.....	2.00
1928	S Mint, Br. Unc....	12.50
1928	S Mint, Abt.Unc....	5.00

UNITED STATES DIMES

1929	Brill. Unc.....	1.50
1929	D, SPECIAL (Cat.3.00)	
	Brilliant Uncirculated..	1.50
1930	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1931	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1934	(Cat.1.50) Br.Unc..	1.00
1934	D (Cat.1.75)Br.Unc.	1.00
1935	Brill. Unc.....	.75
1935	S (Cat.2.00)Br.Unc.	1.25
1935	D Mint, Br. Unc....	3.00
1936	Brill. Unc.....	.40
1936	S (Cat.2.00)Br.Unc.	1.00
1936	D (Cat.2.00)Br.Unc.	1.25
1937	Brill. Unc.....	.35
1937	S Mint, Br. Unc....	.90
1937	D Mint, Br. Unc....	.75
1938	Brilliant Proof....	3.00
1938	Brill. Unc.....	.35
1938	S Mint, Br. Unc....	1.00
1938	D Mint, Br. Unc....	.50
1939	Brilliant Proof....	3.00
1939	P or D, Br. Unc....	.35
1939	S Mint - WANTED....	---
1940	P D or S, Br. Unc..	.35
1941	P D or S, Br. Unc...	.35
1942	P D or S, Br. Unc..	.25
1942	over 41, choice	
1942	Abt. Uncirculated.....	25.00
1942	over 41, Very Fine	
	plus.....	10.00
1943	P D or S, Br.Unc...	.25
1944	P D or S, Br.Unc...	.25
1945	P D or S, Br.Unc...	.25

CHOICE Odds and Ends

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Shilling (1616) so-called "Hog Shilling" Ext. Fine and one of the finest specimens known. Ext. rare....\$250.00

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1857 Unc, part red.....10.00

INDIAN HEAD CENTS

1860	Br. Unc.(7.50).....	6.00
1865	Br. Unc.(5.00).....	4.00
1901	Br. Unc.(1.75).....	1.25
1904	Br. Unc.(1.50).....	.90

TWO CENT PIECES

1864	Unc,bright red.....	2.50
1865	Unc,bright red.....	3.00

THREE CENT NICKELS

1873	Br. Proof (10.00)...	7.75
1881	Br. Proof (5.50)...	4.25
1881	Br. Unc (3.00).....	2.25
1883	Br. Proof (5.00)...	3.75
1888	Br. Proof (5.50)...	3.95

THREE CENT SILVER

1851	O, Abt. Unc.....	8.50
1851	O,V.Gd.2.00; V.F...	3.75
1852	Br.Unc. (5.00).....	3.95
1853	Br. Unc.(5.00).....	3.95
1854	Br. Unc.(10.00)....	8.25
1873	Br.Proof (32.50)...	26.75

HALF DIMES

1872	S in wreath,Br.Unc.	3.50
1873	Br. Proof (8.50)...	7.50

CHOSROES II

When we are following history's stories of the whereabouts of the cross on which Jesus was crucified, a coin of Chosroes II (pronounced Kos-ru'), king of Persia, contributes much to the interest.

Maybe an all-wise providence effaces "things" lest God's children give too much adoration to them. Maybe it is true, that the law required every cross, on which any man was crucified, to be burned. But another possibility is that the stories of the true cross believed by many are sound. We should know the chief of them; then each of us can think as his own wisdom and learning guide.

Chosroes II ruled Persia for about thirty-seven years, 591-628 A.D., Historians hold that in its extreme heights and depths, his was the most remarkable reign of all the Sassanian dynasty.

He had an enormous seraglio. Among his wives was one named Shirin, who was a Christian. Persian law forbade a monarch of Persia to take a Christian wife, but Chosroes took one. Shirin was beautiful and he loved her above all his other wives. It is even said that he himself embraced the Christian religion, but many of his acts did not testify to it. However, it is claimed he permitted Shirin to build several churches and monasteries in and about Ctesiphon (tes'i-fon). And here it is well to remember it was Magians from the East, who followed the star to the very feet of the Christ Child, and that the first Magians were of that part of Bactria which became a portion of ancient Persia.

Chosroes prayed that Shirin might bear a child, because he so desired a successor who was a child of this beloved wife. Shirin gave birth to a son, who was named Merdasas (mer'das-as).

In 611 A.D. Chosroes sent an army against the Byzantine emperor Heraclius(her-a-kly'us) who held Syria, and they took Antioch, capital of the Byzantine (East Roman) province of Asia.

In 614 he took Damascus.

In 615 he sent his most skilled general against Jerusalem. That general managed

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CHOSROES II

to secure the aid of Jews against Christians there. The historian George Rawlinson tells us: "The churches of Helena, of Constantine, of the Holy Sepulchre, of the Resurrection, and many others, were burnt or ruined." Thousands of Jerusalem Christians were put to death. Others were carried away into Persia.

Quoting Rawlinson again: "The cross found by Helena, and believed to be 'the true Cross' was at the same time transported to Ctesiphon, where it was preserved with care and duly venerated by the Christian wife of Chosroes."

Chosroes next took Alexandria from Heraclius; then he went up the Nile to the borders of Ethiopia. He went north of the Mediterranean. Like Alexander the Great of nearly a thousand years before him, he conquered as he went. But unlike Alexander the Great he did not stabilize affairs behind him. Threats arose in his wake.

Heraclius regathered Byzantine forces and pursued the Persians. Again and again he was victorious. Chosroes fled before him. As Heraclius pursued, even into Chosroes' own realm, he destroyed the Parsee temples. The perpetual sacred fires of Zoroaster died on their altars.

In 624 Chosroes arose to still another attempt. He sought to attack the forces of Heraclius in Albania. Remember, this was the ancient Albania just west of the Caspian Sea. Clash after clash came, but the Persian forces were weakening under clever moves of Heraclius, and were backing south, south, and south. At length, up along the northern Tigris, they fled in disgrace for home.

Persians were wearied with a quarter of a century of warfare. They desired to make peace on almost any terms. Chosroes himself, less exhausted - for he usually stayed at home, sending his men out under the trained officers, - held for greater stipulations. He had more clamor for peace than he could manage; he became tyrannical, cruel. He undertook to set aside his eldest son and legi-

CHOSROES II

timate successor, Siroes (sy-ru'), in favor of Merdasas, son by his favorite wife, Shirin. Rebellion ensued. Chosroes was seized and thrown into his House of Darkness. Merdasas and others of his children were slain. On the fifth day of his imprisonment he himself was put to death. Already Siroes had ascended the throne of Persia.

The obverse of this coin has the head of Chosroes II in profile. His tiara has a crescent and star between two spread wings. The portrait is surrounded by two pearl borderings, and outside of those, at the top, bottom, left, and right, are a star and crescent.

The reverse has the genii of Good and Evil guarding the perpetual altar fire of Zoroaster, light of Ahura-Mazda, Dispeller of Darkness. All this is surrounded by three circles of pearl borderings, outside of which are again, at the four cardinal points of the compass, a star and a crescent.

There is a story which says that the cross was returned to Heraclius in 629. Sometimes we find it claimed that Heraclius returned it to Jerusalem, and that he bore it on his own back through a gate of the Holy City. And it is thought that it may have been destroyed by conquering Arabs in 637.

Perhaps the last we shall ever know, or think we know, of the whereabouts of "the True Cross" believed to have been found by Helena, is of those years already mentioned, when Shirin, beloved Christian wife of Chosroes II, was giving it loving care in Ctesiphon, on the east shore of the Tigris where today are conspicuous ruins of the palace of Chosroes.

-Florence Aiken Banks

MILITARY DECORATIONS

1916 Mexican Border service. Missouri National Guard; bronze with ribbon. New.....\$1.25

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1917-19 War with Germany. United States Forces from state of Missouri. Bronze with ribbon, New.....\$1.25

HALF DOLLARS

WALKING LIBERTY TYPE

1916	Brill. Unc.....	\$ 15.00
1917	D obv. Ext.Fine....	10.00
1923	S, Br. Unc. Gem....	125.00
1934	Brill. Unc.....	3.00
1934	S, rare, Br. Unc...	35.00
1934	D, Brill. Unc.....	3.50
1935	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1935	S and D, Wanted....	---
1936	Brill. Unc.....	2.00
1936	S, Wanted.....	---
1936	D, Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1937	Brill. Unc.....	2.00
1937	S and D, Wanted....	---
1938	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1938	D, Wanted.....	---
1939	Brill. Unc.....	2.50
1939	S, (Cat.6.00)Br.Unc	5.00
1939	D, SPECIAL,Br.Unc..	1.50
1940	Brill. Unc.....	1.75
1940	S,(Cat.3.00) Br.Unc	2.00
1941	Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1941	S, Brill. Unc.....	1.50
1941	D, Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1942	Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1942	S, Brill. Unc.....	1.50
1942	D, Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1943	P or D, Br. Unc....	1.25
1943	S, Brill. Unc.....	2.00
1944	P or D, Br. Unc....	1.00
1944	S, Brill. Unc.....	1.25
1945	P D or S, Br.Unc...	1.00
1946	P D or S, Br. Unc..	1.00
1947	P D or S, Br. Unc..	1.00

FRANKLIN HALF DOLLARS

Date	Br. Unc.
1948	\$ 2.50
1948 D Mint	1.50
1949	4.00
1949 S Mint	2.00
1949 D Mint.....	1.50
1950	2.00
1950 D Mint.....	1.50
1951 P or D Mints.....	1.25
1951 S Mint.....	1.75
1952 P or D Mints.....	1.00
1952 S Mint.....	1.50
1953 P Mint.....	1.25
1953 S or D Mint.....	1.00
1954 P D or S Mints....	1.00

COMPLETE SET

1948 thru 1954, all dates and mints in Br. Unc. condition. 19 choice selected coins. A set that will definitely increase in value.

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JETONS, PSEUDO MONEY USED IN FRENCH CANADA UNTIL 1759

During the reign of Louis XV a peculiar form of copper money circulated in the French Colonies in America, chiefly Canada. They were well struck pieces with unusual reverse designs and legends. The royal bust of the French king with inscription "Lud.XV Rex Christiansis" (Louis XV, Christian King) embellishing the obverse. A few pieces were struck in silver, with a single specimen of each variety in gold for the king.

Jetons were first issued as counters in trade, as for instance, when a merchant had to make an addition in Livres, Sols and Deniers, then current. The tradesman, money lender or banker, kept a box with three compartments, one for each denomination, into which a Jeton was thrown as the amounts of each denomination were totaled. When there were 12 Jetons in the Denier compartment, they were removed and a Jeton put into the Sol compartment - 12 Deniers equals 1 Sol; and when there were 20 Sols, they were replaced by a Jeton in the Livre compartment - 20 Sols equals 1 Livre.

There were 10 issues of these Jetons, the designs on some relate to the colonization of Canada, on others to the victories of Louis XV.

Taking the varieties of the Jetons one by one, and interpreting the meaning of the design and translating the Latin legends into English, we find on the first an Indian in a plantation of lillies, before him is an alligator coming out of the water. Legend in English - "They grow under every Constellation."

A second Jeton shows Mercury flying over the sea, and the legend translated reads "He established commerce with both worlds."

A third has the same reverse but the king's bust on the obverse is replaced with an armorial design.

A fourth Jeton has the sun shining on the eastern and western hemispheres. Legend reads "One is sufficient for both."

Now a fifth Jeton is specially significant to Canadians as it has an especially

LINCOLN CENTS

PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR CHOICE UNCIRCULATED OR PROOF CENTS.

	<u>Br. Unc.</u>	<u>Mat Proof</u>
1909 VDB....	\$.25	\$ 7.50
1909 S,VDB..	22.50	--
1909 Plain..	.60	3.00
1909 S.....	6.00	--
1910.....	.75	3.00
1910 S.....	3.50	--
1911.....	1.00	3.00
1911 S.....	6.00	--
1911 D.....	4.50	--
1912.....	1.00	3.50
1912 S.....	8.00	--
1912 D.....	8.50	--
1913.....	1.00	3.50
1913 S.....	7.50	--
1913 D.....	7.50	--
1914.....	3.75	6.00
1914 S.....	22.50	--
1914 D.....	60.00	--
1915.....	4.00	7.50
1915 S.....	6.00	--
1915 D.....	2.50	--
1916.....	.75	--
1916 S.....	7.50	--
1916 D.....	3.50	--

**JETONS, PSEUDO MONEY, ETC.
(Continued)**

interesting reverse. Beavers building a dam across a Canadian stream. The legend - "Not inferior to metals."

A sixth Jeton shows the vessel of the Argonauts returning with the golden fleece with the legend - "Not less valuable than gold." A similar Jeton has the same reverse but the bust of the king is replaced by an allegorical figure of Neptune.

An eighth Jeton pictures a swarm of bees led by their queen passing from a hive to an empty one on the other side of the river. The legend says - "They change their seat but not their mind."

On a ninth Jeton the reverse shows Neptune and a warrior with a spear and shield floating on a shell. The legend - "The remotest land prepares him triumphs."

The tenth and last Jeton in the series pictures a flight of eagles across the sea towards a rocky coast, and the legend gives us the meaning - "The same valor beyond the seas."

This concludes the series. There are many restrikes of these Jetons. Obverses with different heads and busts have been used with a variety of reverses and is the reason for so many illegitimate varieties.

- Paul Borrowman

LINCOLN CENTS

Br.Unc.

1917.....	\$.75
1917 S Mint.....	5.50
1917 D Mint.....	5.00
1918.....	.75
1918 S Mint.....	9.00
1918 D Mint.....	6.00
1919.....	.75
1919 S Mint.....	2.50
1919 D Mint.....	2.50
1920.....	.75
1920 S Mint.....	7.50
1920 D Mint.....	6.00
1921.....	3.25
1921 S Mint.....	30.00
1922 D Mint.....	4.00
1923.....	.75
1923 S Mint.....	32.50
1924.....	3.25
1924 S Mint.....	15.00
1924 D Mint.....	15.00
1925.....	.75
1925 S Mint.....	8.50
1925 D Mint.....	3.50
1926.....	.75
1926 S Mint.....	12.50
1926 D Mint.....	3.75
1927.....	.75
1927 S Mint.....	10.00
1927 D Mint.....	4.00
1928.....	.75
1928 S Mint.....	5.00
1928 D Mint.....	3.50
1929 P or S Mint.....	.60
1929 D Mint.....	1.00
1930.....	.25
1930 S Mint.....	.50
1930 D Mint.....	.90
1931.....	1.50
1931 S Mint.....	3.50
1931 D Mint.....	5.00
1932.....	1.00
1932 D Mint.....	1.75
1933.....	1.25
1933 D Mint.....	1.00
1934.....	.25
1934 D Mint.....	.50
1935 and later P mints	.10
1935 S and D, each....	.25
1936 to 43 S Mints, ea.	.15
1936-37-38 D Mints, ea.	.15
1939 D Mint.....	.25
All later dates.....	.10

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